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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I am a student at New York University who attended the recent "Politics of Assassination" conference held at the N.Y.U. Law School. I am extremely sorry that you were not able to be there, but I hope that your health is improving and that you will be able to resume your important work. From what I have heard and seen of your work (it is generally hard to find your books in any library) I can only say that the conference was the poorer for your absence. I found myself agreeing with much of what was in the speech Mr. Lesar delivered in your stead. As you seemingly foretold, much of the conference degenerated to nonsense (the combined fault of both speakers and audience at times). Among others, I saw no reason for the presence of a Flo Kennedy and while Penn Jones, Jr. is a nice fellow, and seems to have done some fair amount of research, I find it hard to swallow much of what he says.

I must say that I was angered at the manner in which Mr. Lesar was treated at the conference. The audience was rude and apathetic when he delivered your speech, and it was an affront to the man's dignity and work to cancel his workshops on Saturday afternoon as they did. I would like to personally write Mr. Lesar if you might be so kind as to provide me with an address at which I could reach him. I spoke to him for a brief moment (in regards to Gerold Frank's book on the King assassination) but could not avail myself of another opportunity to speak with him as he was

engaged in conversation with Sylvia Meagher and I did not wish to disturb them. My room mate, who also attended the conference, did speak to Mr. Lesar about your combined efforts and we agreed that you have been the workhorses of the research on Dallas and richly deserve acknowledgement of and a larger audience for your work. Today we were able to find a copy of "Whitewash I" from the main N.Y.U. library and we are reviewing it with great interest. As for your other books, I imagine we'll keep on looking in other libraries (the N.Y.U. library also has "Frame-Up," and we are presently waiting for it to be returned.)

At a time where public interest in the murder of President Kennedy might possibly yield results, I feel that the disjointed efforts of the individual "assassination buffs" are going to lose credibility if they cannot present a unified front. You are, in my opinion, correct when you say that this talk of Hunt and Sturgis, etc., is going to play into the hands of those who would cover-up the truth because it would mean the loss of any meaningful point of focus. I hope that the American public will be hearing more of your work. Again, best wishes for your speedy and full recovery.

With Sincere Regards,

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